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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, between the title and the first line of the specification, insert the following:

-- This application is a continuation (national stage) application of International (PCT) Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/05757, filed on August 9, 1999, which is a continuing application of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/096,253, filed on August 12, 1998.--

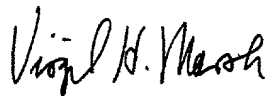
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REMARKS

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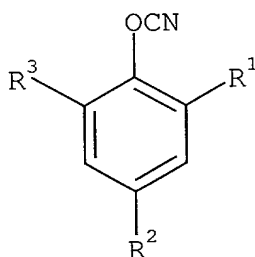
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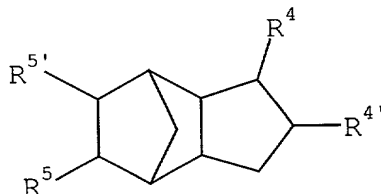
The Invention relates to oligophenol cyanates of the general formula



In this formula, A is in each case a group of the formula



and B is in each case a group of the formula



R¹, R² and R³ on each group A independently of the others are in each case hydrogen or a bond to a group B with the proviso that each group A has either one or two bonds to B.

Both R⁴ and R^{4'}, and R⁵ and R^{5'}, on each group B independently of the others, are in each case either together a direct bond or, in any desired order, are hydrogen and a bond to a group A with the proviso that each group B has either one or two bonds to A.

The indices *m* and *n* are 0 or 1 and *x* is an integer from 0 to 10 with the proviso that at least one of the numbers *m*, *n* and *x* is other than 0 and *m* and *n* are not both at the same time 1.

The Invention also relates in particular to mixtures of such compounds with one another and/or with those compounds of the

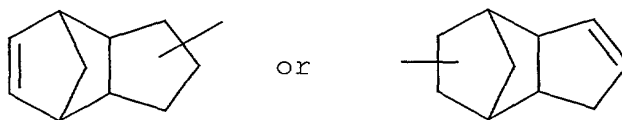
formula I in which m and n deviate from the above definitions by both being 1.

Saturated oligophenol cyanates of general formula I in which m and n deviate from the compounds of the present invention by both being 1 are known, for example, from EP-A-0 147 548 and are marketed by the Dow Chemical Co. under the designation XU71787. These compounds do not have any olefinic double bonds and are therefore able to polymerize only by cyclotrimerization of the cyanate groups or by reaction with functional groups of other compounds. The cyclotrimerization requires the presence of catalysts and/or high temperatures. In contrast it is often desirable to achieve partial curing or crosslinking by means, for example, of irradiation at room temperature. In addition, these known compounds have a relatively high viscosity, which is unfavourable for some applications.

The object of the present invention was therefore to provide oligophenol cyanates which have a low viscosity and which without further additives can be (partially) polymerized or crosslinked at room temperature by means, for example of radiation-induced free-radical reactions.

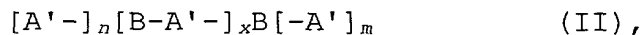
In accordance with the invention this object is achieved by the unsaturated oligophenol cyanates of the formula I in accordance with Claim 1. The molecule of these compounds has at least one olefinic double bond ($R^4-R^{4'}$ and/or $R^5-R^{5'}$ according to formula I) which permits free-radical addition polymerization.

The olefinic double bonds are present in groups of the formula

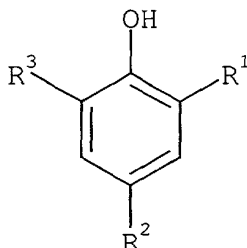


The degree of polymerization, x , lies preferably between 0 and 5 and, with particular preference, between 0 and 3.

The unsaturated oligophenol cyanates of the invention can be prepared by reacting an oligophenol of the general formula



in which A' is a group of the formula



and B, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R^{4'}, R⁵, R^{5'}, m, n and x are as defined in Claim 1, is reacted with cyanogen chloride in the presence of a tertiary amine. Oligophenols of formula II are obtainable from Borden Chemical Inc. under the designations ESD-X1 to -X5, ESD-472C and ESD-473C. The compounds concerned here are condensation products of dicyclopentadiene (dimeric cyclopentadiene) and phenol, which are present as a mixture of isomeric and/or homologous compounds and also contain fractions of saturated compounds where m = n = 1.

The preparation of the oligophenol cyanates of the invention is preferably carried out at a temperature of less than 10 °C in a polar solvent such as butyl acetate and/or acetone or methyl ethyl ketone, for example, or in mixtures of these solvents. Particularly preferred reaction temperatures are below 0 °C - for example, -10 °C. It is advantageous to employ 1.0-1.1 mol of tertiary amine and 1.0-1.2 mol of cyanogen chloride per OH equivalent of the oligophenol II. A particularly preferred tertiary amine is triethylamine.

The unsaturated oligophenol cyanates of the invention have a low viscosity at processing temperature and produce polytriazine resins having a particularly low dielectric constant. They are particularly suitable, for example, as matrix material for the production of fibre-reinforced composites, especially for

components in aerospace technology, or as base materials for the production of printed circuit boards. Owing to their low viscosity and capacity for polymerization by means of high-energy radiation (UV, X-rays, γ -rays or electron beams), they are also suitable for (photo)lithographic varnishes, solder resists for circuit boards, or other radiation-curable lacquers and coatings.

The following example illustrates the preparation of the oligophenol cyanates of the invention without constituting any restriction.

Example

Oligophenol ESD-X3 (Borden Chemical Inc.) was dissolved in n-butyl acetate/acetone (v/v = 80:20) to give a 15% strength solution. The solution was cooled to -10°C and, at this temperature, 105% of the calculated amount of triethylamine and then, over the course of 30 minutes, 110% of the calculated amount of cyanogen chloride were added. After a further 30 minutes of reaction, the mixture was subjected to extraction with water, twice at 30°C , in order to remove the ammonium salts formed, and was then passed twice through a falling-film evaporator in order to remove the solvent and the by-product, *N,N*-diethylcyanamide.

Yield: about 100%

Properties:

viscosity: 165 mPa·s (at 125°C)

degree of reaction: (phenol \rightarrow cyanate) >98%

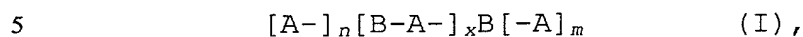
gel time: 25 min (at 200°C)

carbamates: <1%

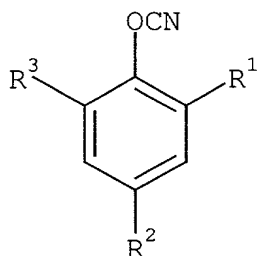
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Claims

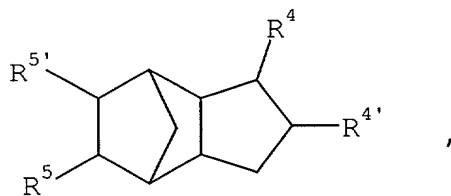
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in which A is in each case a group of the formula



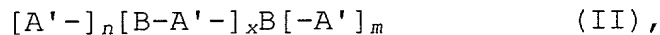
and B is in each case a group of the formula



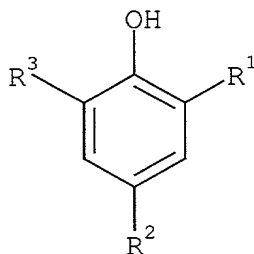
wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are in each case hydrogen or a bond to a group B with the proviso that each group A has either one or two bonds to B;
 both R^4 and $R^{4'}$, and R^5 and $R^{5'}$ are in each case either together a direct bond or are hydrogen and a bond to a group A with the proviso that each group B has either one or two bonds to A;
 the indices m and n are 0 or 1 and x is an integer from 0 to 10 with the proviso that at least one of the numbers m , n and x is other than 0 and m and n are not both at the same time 1, and mixtures thereof with one another and/or with those compounds of the formula I in which n and m deviate from the above definitions by both being 1.

2. Oligophenol cyanates according to Claim 1, characterized in that x is from 0 to 5.

3. Process for preparing unsaturated oligophenol cyanates according to Claim 1, characterized in that an oligophenol of the general formula



in which A' is a group of the formula



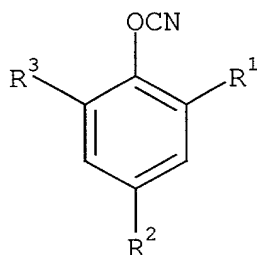
and B , R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^4' , R^5 , R^5' , m , n and x are as defined in Claim 1, is reacted with cyanogen chloride in the presence of a tertiary amine.

4. Use of the unsaturated oligophenol cyanates according to Claim 1 as matrix material for fibre-reinforced composites.

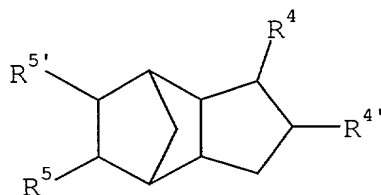
5. Use of the unsaturated oligophenol cyanates according to Claim 1 as radiation-curable varnishes, resists, lacquers and coatings.

Abstract

The invention relates to unsaturated oligophenol cyanates of the general formula (I) $[A-]_n[B-A-]_xB[-A]_m$ in which A is a group of formula



and B is a group of formula



where R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are each hydrogen or a bond with a group B, there being either one or two bonds with B; and both R^4 and $R^{4'}$ as well as R^5 and $R^{5'}$ separately or jointly represent a direct bond or hydrogen and a bond with a group A, there being either one or two bonds with A. The indices m and n are 0 or 1 but not both 1 at the same time and x is a whole number between 0 and 10, where at least one of the numbers m , n and x is not 0.

The above unsaturated oligophenol cyanates can be prepared by reacting the corresponding oligophenols with cyanogen chloride. They have a low viscosity and owing to their double bonds are able to undergo free-radical polymerization. They are especially suitable for use as matrix materials for fibre-reinforced composites and for radiation-curable varnishes and coatings.

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